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Around Town

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The new organ at the Raeford Presbyterian Church was used Sunday and sounds fine to me. It was stated during the service that more pipes and reeds will be added in the next week or two and then the fine tuning will be done. I don't know anything about music but guess this is the same as fine tuning a color TV set. You can see the picture but the image and color are much clearer when you can get the fine tuning adjusted. So we have something still to look forward to as far as music is concerned at the Presbyterian Church.

The Canadians left to go back to Canada and the day afterwards J. D. McMillan received a call from a local lady who is of French descent who wanted an introduction. So you see it "Pays To Advertise."

Two stories which happened in Raeford recently seem to be on the humorous side so I will relate them below, of course, omitting names.

Last week a man came into the office and asked Mrs. Floyd to see me and she indicated my desk at the opposite side of the building. He said it was in confidence and we went into a private office. It seems someone in the Federal Building told him that if the Selective Service office was closed to come by and see me. This is the reason for the confident nature of the conversation. After he found out that I was chairman of the draft board, he said that his son didn't mean to volunteer for the Army when he signed up the day before. Of course, I was completely in a fog as to what he was talking about. You do not volunteer to nor does the board put people in any branch of the service and I explained that to him. The boy had just turned 18 and after more talk it seems that Raz Autry had let the boy go to register during a study hall. The man said a soldier came out to his home that morning and told his wife that their son made a mistake on his form the day before and that he would like to get it corrected before he went into the Army. By this time the fog was lifting somewhat. The Army Recruiter for this territory uses the office across from the Selective Service office and as the Selective Service office is open only 28 hours a week the boy must have gotten in the wrong office. I explained this to the man and he left to see if he could get up with the recruiter and get his son signed up in the correct office. I don't know what the outcome will be, but a little advice to 18 year olds going to register. The clerk at the selective service is a lady and she doesn't wear an army uniform.

A business man in this town, who in the past twenty years hasn't had much time for anything but work, related this to me a few weeks ago. He said that his children wanted him to purchase a certain brand of perfume to give his wife on her anniversary. The perfume couldn't be purchased in Raeford so a very close friend of his, especially before he started working so hard, was in his store and he told him about the perfume and that it must be purchased out of town. Now his friend has business in Fayetteville or Fort Bragg three or four times every week and told him he would be delighted to pick up the bottle of perfume for him. Of course a price was mentioned of about \$12 to \$15. The next day when his friend brought back the bottle of perfume he asked him how much it cost. The buyer told a sad tale about how they didn't have the brand he wanted so he had purchased a bottle that was almost \$30. This didn't make our local businessman happy but he said he had learned his lesson and he wouldn't let anyone spend his money again. This would seem to be a good ending to the story but it was only the beginning for when the man gave his wife the \$30 bottle of perfume - Sorry, but the girls can't type the words that didn't make it a happy anniversary.

Family Needs Aid As Fire Destroys Home

The home of Jessie Ann and Neil McGeachy was burned Tuesday, Feb. 4 leaving the family of eight including an expectant mother, without clothing. The Dundarrach area home was burned Tuesday night after it caught fire from an electrical shortage. Neil is a garage worker. The family moved in with a sister-in-law, Bertha Garcia of Shannon Rt. 1. Children in the family four girls and two boys, ages 2 to 11. Needed are clothing and household items. Nothing in the house was saved, according to case workers at the Hoke County Welfare Department. Those who have things to contribute may call the department or take them there for delivery.

District Civil Court Starts Here Monday

District Civil Court will be held in Hoke County next week with Judge D. B. Herring presiding.

Besides four divorce suits, other cases to be tried will include, James Rodney Lee, B/N/F Mary Lois Lee vs Hubert M. Crumpler and Nellie B. Crumpler, D/B/A The Hitching Post.

I. W. Kinlaw vs William Nelson Brown and Cape Fear Electronics Co.

Hoke-Scotland Tractor Co. vs Ben Alston & wife Annie Alston.

Lamar K. Smith Jr. vs Clyde Griffin.

Ray Woolfenden vs Friendly Broadcasting Co. T/A Radio Station WSHB.

Clayton Bouyer vs Bernard Bray.

William J. Ratley vs Gloria Beam.

C. O. Brackin vs C. W. Harvey.

Louise Kemp Thomas vs Gateway Life Insurance Co.

A 42-member jury list drawn for the term includes: Albert McArn, Kenneth A. McDonald, Mrs. Stanley M. Koonce, James McCormick, Woodrow Lewis, Fred W. Culbreth, Aron Lloyd, C. J. Connell, Howard Ray, Mamie Ross Gatlin, Willa Wells.

Louise G. Ledbetter, Elaine H. Brown, James Luther Odom, Sr., Miles McEachern, Geraldine Barber, Ernest Dewey Hodges, Daniel Henry Shaw, Milton B. McCall, John T. Stewart, D. K. Parker, Sr., Fred Leslie Foster, Bessie Jane Morrison.

Marjory J. Roberts, L. D. Dukes, Mrs. Harold Gillis, Sadie M. Diggs, Walter Purcell, Ernest Hall, Peter Dockery, Prince A. Black, James McKay, Iola McB. Powell, Kathryn H. McPhatter, H. L. Satterwhite, Wilson Lunsford.

J. H. Blythe, Fred Lloyd, Mattie Campbell, Mrs. Mayme Bevan, Will Baldwin, Faye Dot Bain.

Vandalism Of Mail Boxes Could Bring FBI

There seems to be some indecision as to whether or not the persons who pulled up and tore down some 50 mail boxes in the county last week have committed a federal offense. It may be yes and it may be no!

There is one thing Sheriff Dave Barrington is sure of - that is, if there was mail in any of the boxes the vandals can be in trouble with the FBI. The U.S. Postal Department does have a certain amount of jurisdiction over mailboxes. It can say what is and what is not to go in the boxes - and it may step in if the boxes are tampered with even though they were purchased and installed by the user.

The sheriff said that investigation is continuing into the vandalism in which boxes were pulled out of the ground and stacked in a pile in the McLeod Cross Road area and on the other side of Raeford in the South Freedom Church area. The church's outside toilet was again pushed over, according to the report.

Last year a number of boys involved in vandalism at South Freedom Church were obliged to pay for damages there after an investigation determined who the offenders were.

Frank Tapp, Retired Farmer, Passes Tuesday

Cicero Frank Tapp, 72, a retired Hoke County businessman and farmer, died Tuesday morning in Moore Memorial Hospital at Pinehurst.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday at 3:30 p.m. at the Raeford Presbyterian Church where he had been a member for many years and had served as deacon.

Officiating at the services was the Rev. Cortez Cooper. Burial was in the Raeford Cemetery. Masonic rites were held at the grave.

Mr. Tapp was a member of the Royal Arch Masons, the Knights Templar and a past worthy patron of the Order of the Eastern Star. He also was a former Shriner, belonged to the Southern Pines Masonic Council of Royal Arch Masons, the Select Masters, The Council of Super Excellent Masters, and was past master of the Raeford Masonic Lodge.

He was a former director of the Cooperative Warehouse of Lumberton.

The family requests, that in lieu of flowers, contributions be sent to the



Fund Raising Committee Appointed

New Stadium Proposed For Hoke High School



MAYOR COMES FIRST - Beth and Becky Riddle launch the Girl Scout Cookie sale by approaching Mayor H. R. McLean for the first sale. The annual sale is about to go into full swing. Orders will be taken now and hundreds of boxes of fresh cookies will be delivered at a later date. Proceeds will go for local and area scouting needs. Girl scouts are working under the supervision of Mrs. Milo Postel.

1969 Advance Payments For Commodity Programs

Producers signing up February 3 through March 21 to participate in the 1969 feed grain and wheat programs (as well as certain small cotton farms) can request advance payments of up to 50 percent for voluntary extra acreage diversion, it was announced today by Secretary of Agriculture Clifford M. Hardin. This is the maximum advance that can be made on the diversion

payments.

In a statement issued by the President at the White House, the Secretary was instructed to make available a 50 percent advance payment to participants in the 1969 feed grain program. The Presidential statement pointed out that a budget request to the Congress on January 15, 1969, and this advance reduced to 25 percent. Because of the short time between the January 15 budget presentation and the sign-up starting February 3, the President indicated the Government has a moral obligation to continue the rate without abrupt change.

Projected on previous years' signups and current payment rates, disbursement of partial advance payments to feed grain, wheat, and cotton program participants are expected to reach \$386 million by the close of the sign-up period on March 21. Otherwise, the advance payments would have been \$168 million less.

Feed grain and wheat producers may receive, upon request, up to 50 percent of the estimated diversion payment for their farm. This is for acreage which producers voluntarily retire from production beyond that required to qualify as a participant.

For cotton, there is no acreage diversion program in 1969. However, planting cotton is not an eligibility requirement to receive a special payment for small farms with allotments of 10 acres or less (or projected production of 3,600 pounds or less). These can request up to 50 percent advance payment based on a total of 11.26 cents per pound on the projected yield of 35 percent of their effective allotment.

These advance payments will be made as soon as possible after the producer signs up.

Shooting At 66

A Raeford man is in jail awaiting a hearing and another is in Cape Fear Valley hospital suffering from gunshot wounds as a result of a late Saturday night brawl at Club 66.

George Moore is accused of shooting William McLaurin of Shannon leaving 16 shots in his body. The incident occurred at the night spot on Highway 401 near the edge of North Raeford.

A hearing has been set for Feb. 28.

Free Meal Used Making 'Stumphole'

A 300-gallon liquor drum and loads of "surplus food" meal flew to smithereens Tuesday morning when ABC and ATU officers fired TNT to a Hoke County whiskey still.

It was the first to be uncovered in the county this year, Kermit Riley, Hoke ABC officer, said. The set-up, located about one mile from Rockfish on the Dundarrach road, was unattended when found.

Empty bags lying around in the area disclosed the fact that meal given free to feed hungry children of low income families was not being used for this purpose, but was fermenting in a 250 gallon mash container to make illegal "stumphole whiskey."

Riley said he was assisted by other officers including ABC and ATU men from Cumberland and Robeson counties.

No Road Work For Hoke County

Cumberland, Robeson, Scotland and Moore counties are listed among those getting new road work under the first 1969 letting of contracts by the Highway Commission last Friday, but Hoke was again the underdog.

A few weeks ago, a report released by a commissioner for this area, J. F. McNair, III of Scotland County, showed that Hoke for three years had all but been left out of the picture when it came to building and rebuilding roads. Had it not been for the 1968 McCain project on NC 211, Hoke would have had nothing to brag about.

Among contracts let last week was a \$63,377.40 contract in Cumberland for rest area improvements on I-95; Moore \$100,276.50 for grading in Carthage; Scotland \$17,235 for widening and surfacing a piece of SR 1611; and Robeson \$1,692,404.79 for grading, structure and fencing in the relocation of US-74.

"Lights and bleachers must be installed at the old field if we are to use it next season for football," Raz Autry principal at Hoke County High School told a group of citizens at the Gibson School cafeteria last Wednesday night, February 5. The group came at the request of the principal and were told that he was an optimist and had asked people who were optimistic to attend. Autry explained the condition of the lights and bleachers at the present location and how the school each year had to pay for repairs at the park that occurred during the off-season caused by vandalism. He then informed the group that he was going to ask the Board of Education to build a new stadium at the High School and needed the group present to assist in raising the necessary funds.

Autry along with John Pecora, Jim Danks and Landwood Simpson had gone on trips to Sanford, Lumberton and East Guilford to inspect their new stadiums and had plans from two of these for the interested citizens to look at. After the principal had explained the plans and the work done by these schools he opened the meeting for questions and discussion.

John Scott Poole said he represented a group of conservatives and had some questions that the group wanted him to get answered. He went into the difference in costs of moving the stadium from its present location and inquired if the land at the school wouldn't be needed for building space. After other questions Autry said that the school had to furnish space for physical education and that the stadium would be on this part of the school property. He also stated that lights would be installed for football only and would be cheaper than installing new lights at the old park to be used for all sports. More control and usage could be made of the field if it was at the high school, the principal continued. After another question or two Poole excused himself.

The remaining citizens asked that a committee be appointed to consider ways of raising the money and for the principal to find out what the cost would be for the new stadium. This was approved and the group will meet again on Wednesday night at 8 o'clock Feb. 19 at the Gibson School cafeteria to formulate final plans.

The committee appointed is as follows: Leonard Frahm, chairman, William Poole, Palmer Willcox, Mrs. Ed Murray, J.D. McAllister, the Rev. Thomas Walker, Pete Sawyer, Dr. R.M. Jordan and C.D. Bounds. This committee and Autry invites everyone interested to attend the meeting on Feb. 19th.

Cameron Replaces Bostic

Hubert Cameron will be the new cost accountant for the transportation department of Hoke County schools, Supt. D. D. Abernethy has announced.

Cameron is filling the position in the school garage office which was left vacant with the death of C. D. Bostic several weeks ago. He was hired last week by the county board of education.

At the same time, Mrs. Jack Vinson has been hired as special education teacher at Raeford Elementary School. She fills the place vacated by Mrs. Sarah Jacobus.

1969 License Purchase Time Extended

The Raeford Motor Vehicles Bureau will sell license plates through Monday, Harold Gillis, chamber manager, announced Tuesday. The deadline was to have been Saturday noon for the local office.

The extension of time was made from the state level since many offices are open half day, or not at all, on Saturdays.

Vehicles not displaying 1969 license plates will be stopped by patrolmen after mid-night Monday.